

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
DE BRUIJN ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO: 09/501,364  
FILED: FEBRUARY 10, 2000  
FOR: NEW ORAL FORMULATION

Art Unit: 1614  
Examiner: Delacroix Muirhei, Cybille

Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

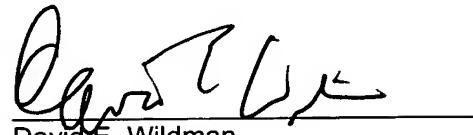
Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 21-26.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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